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Too Much Talk.

From time to time the Citizen Patriot has questioned editorially the wisdom of giving extravagant publicity to America's developments in the field of weapons, and to this nation's military policies on the grounds that too much talk makes it easy for our potential enemies.

Now comes Allen W. Dulles, head of the central intelligence agency, to say almost exactly the same thing in a copyrighted interview in the magazine, U. S. News & World Report.

As the head man of America's intelligence service, Mr. Dulles is in a position to know what he is talking about.

And he frankly admits that he wishes he could learn as much about Russia by reading the newspapers and the popular scientific magazines as the Russians are able to learn about America by that method.

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Being the head of a semi-independent agency of the government, Mr. Dulles refrains from commenting on the role that rivalries among the armed services may have in the publication of the wealth of material that is made available to a potential enemy.

Newspapermen know, however, that all of the services seem to fall all over themselves to rush reports of their new weapons into print. If the Navy announces a new and startling plane, it is a safe bet that an announcement will come from the Air Force of something even more deadly, or a report that it is working on a similar project.

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Editors who handle this material often question the wisdom of publishing it. But once it is made available for publication there is no point in holding it back. It will appear somewhere, and thus will be available to any Soviet agent with a pair of shears and the energy to clip it and forward it to Moscow.

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We don't believe that a question of censorship is involved in this sort of security. The newspapers and magazines of this country showed during the war that they were willing to cooperate with any reasonable security request made by the armed services. Even though the requests seemed silly at times, they were fulfilled.

It isn't journalistic zeal that exposes America's secrets. It is the persons within the government who insist on making them public for reasons that sometimes are difficult to understand.